

*MHDS Mental Health Redesign BI Workgroup*

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*Population Identification*

Identify

- Pre-screening of individuals for Brain Injury Waiver to determine eligibility for BI Waiver based on diagnosis of BI and multi-occurring disorders prior to placing on waiting list.
- Referral to immediately available services at time of application to Medicaid services (i.e. Neuro Resource Facilitation).

Awareness

- Formalized Iowa Brain Injury Resource Network (IBIRN) network in each region to create a more robust, region specific system to facilitate communication, education, resource sharing, etc.
- Adequate funding for Iowa Brain Injury Resource Network information kits (tote bags).
- Online, up-to-date Brain Injury specific resource system.
- Development of functional brain injury team.

Screening

- Implement a standardized screening tool identified in collaboration with the Governor's Advisory Council on Brain Injuries (ACBI) to include, but not limited to: all agencies as required by 225C.23, domestic violence shelters, mental health centers, substance abuse treatment centers, emergency rooms, homeless shelters, senior centers, schools, correctional facilities and faith based organizations providing human services.

Follow-up

- A standardized and sensitive tool to assess cognitive, psychosocial and functional abilities and needs to be used to determine eligibility for entry and re-evaluation for state brain injury services.
- Follow up via phone for individuals receiving Iowa Brain Injury Resource Network (IBIRN) materials at specified time frame after discharge from acute setting with referral to appropriate supports if needed and/or wanted (i.e., peer mentor, support group, services, etc.)